

Silver City, New Mexico- Congressman Harry Teague met with officials in Silver City on Tuesday to tour an improvement project underway on Silver Street. Silver City was awarded \$600,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for road and infrastructure improvements. Congressman Teague joined Silver City Mayor James Marshall and Public Works Director Peter Pena at a short briefing on the Silver Street project before visiting the construction site, where work began two weeks ago.

“Local improvement projects like this one on Silver Street speak to the strength of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These funds are being used to invest in our infrastructure for the long term while providing needed jobs to the community,” said Congressman Harry Teague. “I applaud Silver City for awarding this contract to a local construction company from southern New Mexico. By utilizing recovery funds to support and grow our local businesses, we can continue to strengthen both southern New Mexico’s and our nation’s economy.”

Southwest Concrete and Paving, based in Silver City, is overseeing the Silver Street improvements. In addition to the 13 individuals working directly on the project, the company will hire two additional workers from the area for the project.

This project is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation’s economic recovery, and assist those most impacted by the recession.

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